Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—I want notice.

Mr. M. V. Cherian (*Mattancheri South).*—May I know how many years have passed since the Mattancherri people are paying a water tax without an actual supply of water?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—A number of years I think.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—Does the cost of maintenance of the Chowwara Water Works given here include depreciation of machinery also?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—Yes.

Public offices—Irinjalakkuda—particulars regarding.

312. Mr. K. S. Manickam (*Irinjalakkuda).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. the number of public offices situated in Irinjalakkuda which are held in rented buildings;

2. the amount of rent, which the Government have to pay per annum towards such buildings referred to above;

3. the average cost of land per cent near about the 'Public Offices', Irinjalakkuda;

4. the approximate cost, that might be required for acquiring site and constructing buildings to house the various offices that are now held in rented buildings;

5. whether any difficulty is experienced by the public on account of the fact that the various public offices are scattered throughout the town?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—

1. Eight.

2. Rs. 1,044.

3. Rs. 10 to Rs. 15 per cent.

4. The cost will depend upon the extent of land to be acquired and the nature of buildings to be constructed for each office.

5. No complaint has so far been brought to the notice of Government.

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Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur)*.—Has the Government any idea of situating these Government Offices in some centrally located site?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*.—There is at present no idea.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur)*.—Will the Government consider the desirability of doing so?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancherri)*.—Will the Government extend the same consideration to other places also where the offices are held in rented buildings?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*.—Yes.

Works recommended by Road Board—particulars regarding.

313. Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what work has been done up till this for roads recommended to be commenced or taken up this year by the Road Board;

(b) what work remains to be done for the same by the end of the year?

(Answer may kindly be given with special reference to each road).

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*.—

(a) A statement is appended. *(Appendix I)*.

(b) It is expected that the provision for each work in the current year's programme could be spent.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila)*.—With regard to item 1, appendix I, may I know at what stage does the land acquisition proceedings stand?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar)*.—I am sorry I have not got it here, but I can give you the information in the afternoon.

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